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Chief Executive Officer

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT UPDATE

This memo is to provide a brief status report on recent key activities related to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant

The COPS grant application is due by April 14, 2009. If the County chooses to accept the COPS grant, the County must commit to providing funding in the fourth year for any deputies hired under the program. As this is a significant commitment, the CEO has requested the Sheriff's Department to prepare a Board letter for the April 14, 2009 Board meeting. This Office is working with the Sheriff's Department to evaluate various hiring scenarios, in the context of our multi-year forecast, and will come forward with a specific recommendation for the April 14, 2009 Board meeting.

ARRA Funding Database

The CEO has created a database to track all the ARRA funding sources for which departments plan to apply. We will use this tool to give the Board updates on the status of the County's grant applications. Departments have already begun entering the preliminary grant information. The database currently includes 135 projects and/or grant categories listed by 25 departments. Over 90 of the projects are for the Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW has applied for approximately \$163 million in grants and anticipates that grant awards will be made in the mid-May to early June time frame.

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Internet/Intranet Sites

The CEO has asked the Chief Information Office (CIO) to create two websites. One website will be linked to the County's portal site and will provide information for the public regarding County activities related to ARRA. The other website will be an internal County website and will provide information for the Board Offices and departments related to ARRA. Both websites will have hotlinks to State and federal ARRA websites. The CIO estimates that the internal site will be up by mid-April and the external site will be up shortly thereafter.

Accountability and Reporting

The federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued reporting requirements for agencies receiving ARRA funds. The federal government has established a portal website to which all reports will be posted. The state governments are responsible to ensure that the state and local agencies submit the required reports. Each state will determine whether local agency reports will be submitted directly to the federal portal or whether those reports will be routed to the state for submission to the federal portal.

This Office will work with the Auditor-Controller, CIO and departments to ensure that the dollars are tracked, spent and electronically reported, as required by the OMB. The ARRA reporting information will also be made accessible through the County's internal and external websites.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Ellen Sandt at esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov or 213-974-1186.

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